TARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Central Assistance for the Development of tourism in Andhra Pradesh

2602. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount allocated and spent for the development of tourism in the Central sector in Andhra Pradesh during the Seventh Plan period;

(b) what is the amount of additional grants and subsidies given to Andhra Pradesh during the above period; and

(c) what is the amount of loans and subsidies granted out of Central sector to the private hotels and restaurants during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK): (a) For various projects and schemes Rs. 310.46 lakhs was sanctioned to State Government of Andhra Pradesh and Rs. 223.24 lakhs have been released to them, so far.

(b) and (c) No additional grant was given for projects of Andhra Pradesh. However, interest subsidy amounting to Rs. 1.45 lakhs for hotel projects in Andhra Pradesh was given through Industrial Finance Corporation of India, so far. Loans amounting to Rs. 2281.90 lakhs have been sanctioned to projects in Andhra Pradesh by Industrial Finance Corporation of India/IFCI.

Telugu Ganga Project

2603. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Telugu Ganga Project has created an inter-State dispute between Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by the Central Government to resolve the dispute?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) The Government of Karnataka and Maharashtra have objected to Telugu Ganga Project as formulated by the Government of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) The basin States have taken upon themselves to resolve the differences.

Platinum deposits in Orissa

2604. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that highly promising deposits of platinum have been located in some areas of Orissa recently;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any sample has been analysed by the National Physical Laboratory; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) Only incidence of Platinum has been reported in some laterite samples from Bhubana area of Dhenkanal district of Orissa during

the course of routine investigation and analysis of laterite samples from parts of Dhenkanal, Cuttack and Keonjhar districts of Orissa.

(c) and (d) Ten laterite samples have been tested by the National Physical Laboratory. Platinum values reported range between 200 to 520 parts per million (PPM) whereas analysis results of GSI indicate platinum values of less than 10 parts per billion (PPB). As the platinum values determined, varied widely the Orissa State Deptt. of Mining and Geology has decided to get samples analysed in 2 or 3 reputed laboratories to confirm the incidence of Platinum.

Expenditure and Receipt Account of Central Government

2605. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the deatils of expenditure and receipt account of the Central Government for the first quarter of the current financial year;

(b) how does it compare with the corresponding period last year; and

(c) what are the details of the recent economy measures undertaken and the economy in expenditure likely to be achieved thereby?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) an (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. (See below) However, the figures shown in the statement are as booked in the accounts. These are unaudited, and subject to reconciliation and adjustments. Therefore at this stage these provisional figures of accounts, the Departmental figures and the figures according to the books of Reserve Bank of India may not be identical.

(c) The following are the details of economy measures recently undertaken by the Government.

(i) all the Government Ministries/Departments have been asked to absorb additional commitments on Dearness Allowance within the provision made for establishment expenditure;

(ii) the Ministries/Departments have been asked to locate savings within their budget to match the supplementaries sought for by them;

(iii) the Ministries/Departments have also been requested to review the whole range of functions being performed by them with a view to reducing functions and activities which are no longer relevant or can be performed more economically in some other way;

(iv) Ministries/Departments have been asked to wind up the foreign offices of promotional agencies under their control;

(v) instructions have been issued to cut foreign travel expenditure so as to limit the total expenditure this year to 75 per cent of the actual expenditure in 1989-90 or the current year's budget provision whichever is less;

(vi) instructions have also been issued to reduce consumption of petrol and diesel in Government vehicles by 20 per cent over the consumption during the year 1989-90.

(vii) Additional DA for officers drawing a basic pay of Rs. 3500 and above would be impounded.